

# Dublin Operatic Society

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**AUTUMN SEASON 1948**

Commencing Monday, 4th October

Concluding Saturday, 9th October

Operas will commence at **7.45 p.m.** sharp each evening

LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED UNTIL FIRST INTERVAL

## Barber of Seville

## Madame Butterfly

## Martha

### ARTISTES:

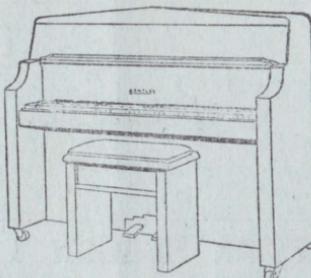
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MINNIA BOWER,	MAELGWYN WILLIAMS,	FRANK RYAN,
JOHN LYNSKEY,	JACK HARTE,	MICHAEL MULLINS,
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*Dramatic Opera in Two Acts. Music by Giacomo Puccini. Italian text by Illica and Giacosa, after the American drama by David Belasco and John Luther Long. First produced at the Teatro alla Scala, Milan, February 17, 1904.*

**ACT I**—A Japanese Villa. Lieut. Pinkerton, U.S. Navy, finding that he will be stationed in Nagasaki for some months, desires to contract a Japanese marriage. He is assured by the marriage-broker who transacts the business for him that this marriage will only be binding so long as he consents to live with his wife, and that afterwards she can marry again. But Cho-Cho-San, the girl who agrees to marry the lieutenant, has fallen deeply in love with him and believes she is entering into a life contract. She goes so far as to renounce her religion, thus severing all connection with her own people. Sharpless, the American Consul, tries to prevent the match by telling his friend Pinkerton how seriously the girl considers it. The lieutenant has further proof of this when a fanatical bonze, or priest, an uncle of hers, appears, as the wedding party is seated at the feast, and heaps curses upon her head for renouncing her faith. All her relatives thereupon desert her, but Cho-Cho-San, though sorrowful, clings to her husband and he soon calms her fears. The scene closes in mutual protestations of love.

**ACT II, Scene 1**—The Villa. Three years later. After a short but blissful wedded life, Lieut. Pinkerton has been recalled to America. He leaves Cho-Cho-San (who is now called "Madame Butterfly") in Japan, promising to return "when the robins nest again." She trusts him implicitly, but her maid Suzuki is far from having the same confidence. After some months of silence, the battleship on which Pinkerton serves is again ordered to Japan, and the officer writes Sharpless a letter saying that he will return with an American wife, and asking the Consul to break the news to Madame Butterfly. The Consul brings her the letter, but she is so overjoyed at seeing a missive from him that she pays no heed to its message, and the Consul has not the heart to disturb her faith. She also turns a deaf ear to Goro, the marriage-broker, who comes to arrange a match between her and a Japanese nobleman. When he says that Pinkerton's desertion is equivalent to a divorce, she answers proudly: "That may be so in Japan, but I am an American!" When the Consul tries again to convince her of the truth she produces a fair-haired child and says: "My lieutenant cannot forget this." The Consul departs shaking his head, just as the sound of cannon announces the warship's arrival. In a fever of excitement Butterfly and her maid decorate the house with flowers to honour the expected arrival of its lord. The evening drags by and the maid and child fall asleep, but the lady of the house waits and watches without closing her eyes.

**Scene 2—The Same. The Next Day.** Madame Butterfly has watched and listened all night long, and now morning has arrived without bringing her husband. Suzuki awakes and persuades her wearied mistress to lie down and rest. She does so, in order that she may look well when "he comes." After she has retired the Consul arrives with Pinkerton and his American wife. When Pinkerton hears from Suzuki of Butterfly's devotion and trust he is overcome with remorse and cannot remain to face the deserted bride. Suzuki is commissioned to tell her that Mrs. Pinkerton will care for the child, but Butterfly, entering at this moment, hears it from the American lady's own lips. She retains her composure by a great effort, congratulates Mrs. Pinkerton politely, and says that if they will return in half an hour they may have the child. When the Americans return at the specified time they find that Madame Butterfly has slain herself with her father's sword, on which is inscribed: "Die with honour when you can no longer live with honour."

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Commencing Monday, 4th October

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER ★ THURSDAY, 7th OCTOBER  
at 7.45 p.m.

Madame Butterfly  
(Puccini)

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Cho-Cho-San (Madame Butterfly)	-	-	MARIAN LOWE
Suzuki (Butterfly's Servant)	-	-	CECILY KENNY
B. F. Pinkerton (Lieut. in U.S. Navy)	-	-	HEDDLE NASH
Sharpless (U.S. Consul at Nagasaki)	-	-	JOHN LYNKEY
Goro (A Marriage Broker)	-	-	TOM O'BRIEN
Prince Yamadori	-	-	SAM MOONEY
The Bonze (Butterfly's Uncle)	-	-	JACK HARTE
The Imperial Commissioner	-	-	KEVIN O'GORMAN
The Official Registrar	-	-	DENIS MAHER
Butterfly's Mother	-	-	CATHERINE WALSH
The Aunt	-	-	CHRYSSTAL JACKSON
The Cousin	-	-	MAY DOYLE
Kate Pinkerton	-	-	EILY MURNAGHAN
Trouble	{ Mon.	} Thurs.	DEIRDRE CARVILL
(Cho-Cho-San's Child)			KATHLEEN McHENRY
Butterfly's Relations, Friends and Servants.			

Bridesmaids: Florence Casey, Sheila Blake, Maura Lane, Ita O'Rourke, Dolores Kennedy, Marita Cooper, Colette Crean, Mary Conway, Mary Marnell, Maureen Delahunty, Ursula Neilon, May Shudell.

Conductor—D. MICHAEL BRIERLEY.

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THURSDAY — MADAME BUTTERFLY



TUESDAY —  
FRIDAY —

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IN NAGASAKI.ACT II. (*First Part*). INSIDE BUTTERFLY'S HOUSE.  
(*Second Part*). THE SAME.*Period: THE PRESENT, AT NAGASAKI.*[Marian Lowe appears by kind permission of the Administrator  
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Collette Crean.	Ita McCormack.	G. Glynn.
Florence Casey.	Jos. Kenny.	B. Kavanagh.
May Conway.	Joan Neilon.	D. Kavanagh.
Anna Daly.	Ursula Neilon.	G. McDermott.
Sheila Doran.	Annie O'Farrell.	T. O'Brien.
May Doyle.	Patricia O'Leary.	W. O'Reilly.
Maureen Delahunty.	Ita O'Rourke.	J. J. Quinn.
Chrystal Jackson.	Ada Parkhouse.	N. C. Quinn.
Sheila Kavanagh.	Maeve Robins.	P. J. Quinn.
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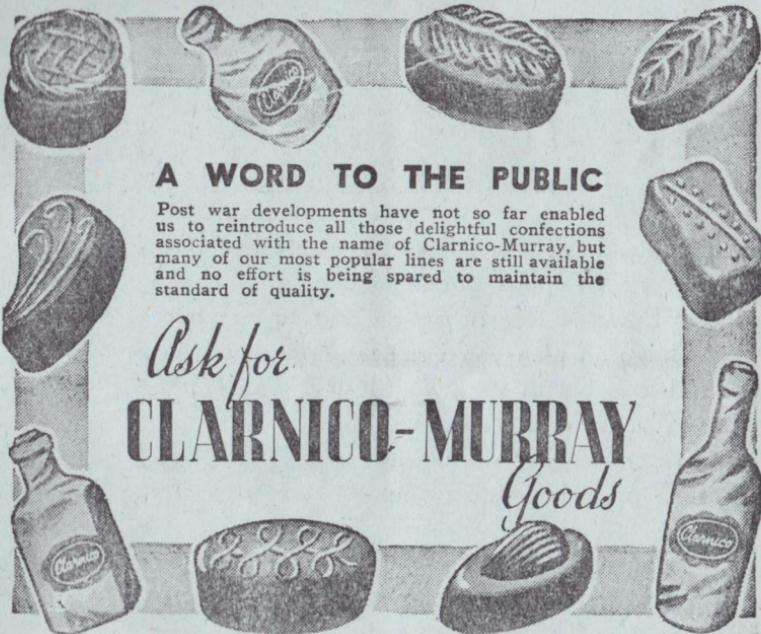


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